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Willy LAQUA

1. Willy LAQUA, former chief of the S.S. Kirkness, who has recently been acquitted of all war crimes charges in Norway, returned to his home at Hansenstrasse 134, Lübeck (British Zone of Germany) on 22 June 1948. Before leaving Oslo, Subject contacted [] through the Norwegian intelligence service, and offered to turn over all of his contacts and former agents in Scandinavia, particularly Finland. Subject stated that he would never again professionally engage in intelligence work, but that he had been active in fighting Communism for over 20 years and did not wish to retire from this field without placing the fruits of his work at the disposal of those who were still carrying on the fight. His proposal was that he should turn over all of his contacts and assist in their handling as long as his help was considered useful. As compensation he requested only bare living expenses since he is completely without funds. He also stipulated that he would require our undertaking that the safety of none of his contacts would be jeopardized in any way except as unavoidable in the course of performing their essential intelligence-gathering functions, and that his name should not appear in connection with intelligence reports or other documents except where essential to the re-establishment of contact with these individuals. [] is convinced that Subject's motivation is as stated. [] points out that, although the matter has not been mentioned, the only personal benefit which Subject might expect to derive from such an arrangement is the possibility that he might thus escape de-Nazification proceedings against him, if that question should arise.

2. A Norwegian interrogation report of April 1946 offers the opinion that Subject is apt to exaggerate his own importance and to go to any lengths to advance his own ends. [] however, was most favorably impressed by Subject and feels that this is not an accurate evaluation of his integrity or abilities, a view concurred in by the British and F.O. 2 who both consider Subject the best German expert on Scandinavian C.E. Subject's qualifications in this field are based on work during various periods of 1936, 1938 and 1939 at Stapocassenstelle Lübeck. Here he was mainly employed in Abt II A (Communism), II P (Foreign Press and Mail) and III (Counter-Espionage), his fluency in all Scandinavian languages making him particularly useful in this last-named department. After the Finnish capitulation in 1944, Subject was dispatched to Finland

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where he was engaged in interviewing all Finns who had voluntarily surrendered to the Germans and in sending to Oslo those who could be used by the Germans. From December 1944 until the end of the war Subject was active in building up a Finland Referat in Oslo, and in attempting to establish communication with Finland and the Finnish Resistance Movement by sending suitable agents into that country.

3. In his service with German Intelligence, Subject claims to have been in contact with such individuals as Oberstleutnant LIEBIG, former Ic at AOK; Major HAACKE who succeeded LIEBIG; Oberstleutnant WARECHA, chief of the Geheime Feldpolizei; Korv Kapt. CELLARIUS, ranking Abwehr officer in Finland; Major WAGNER; and Hauptmann PETERS who allegedly recruited reliable Russian and Finnish volunteers and organized them for work as FAK behind the Russian lines.

4. Following is a list of the more important contacts which Subject has so far disclosed of the group which he states he can place at our disposal:

- a. KORYE, - Danish, radio technician, radio operator for Subject in Helsinki in 1942. Arrested in Helsinki in 1946 by Finnish State Police. Escaped after a few weeks in prison. Uncle lives in Oslo.
- b. MAX OIASTI - Finnish State Police. Strong anti-Communist. Worked for Subject while he was at Rovaniemi.
- c. TALLEAS - Former Finnish Minister at Rome. Now stated to be in Stockholm.
- d. PIPPING - Held rank in Finnish Army during war, stated to be the equivalent of our Judge Advocate General. A Swedo-Finn who is very anti-Finnish (According to Subject there is some sort of Swedo-Finnish nationalist or separatist group in Finland, of which PIPPING is a leader). Has very extensive connections in political circles on a high level.
- e. RAILIO, Pentti - Was a Captain in the Swedish communications corps (this is probably an error for Finnish communications). Was sent to Stockholm by Subject in March or April 1945 for CE work.
- f. VARANIEMI, Kaukko - Captain in Finnish Army. Also his father of the same name, who is the customs officer at Ovreternio. Close friend of Subject and worked for him during the war, furnishing valuable OB information.